In the Claims:

- 1. (Previously presented) A molding composition which comprises a blend formed from at least the following components: (A) a thermoplastic polymer consisting essentially of a thermoplastic polyamide or thermoplastic polyester polymer, said polymer being unreinforced, reinforced, or filled, (B) at least one organic halogen-containing flame retardant, (C) a zinc borate, a mixed oxide of zinc and boron, or zinc sulfide, or a mixture of any two or more of the foregoing; and (D) a propylene homopolymer having a melt flow index of not more than about 5 grams/10 minutes, said blend having an improved comparative tracking index as compared to said thermoplastic polyamide or said thermoplastic polyester polymer.
- 2. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 1 wherein (A) is nylon 6 or nylon 6,6.
- 3. (Original) A composition of claim 1 wherein (B) is at least one polybromoaromatic compound containing at least 50% by weight of bromine.
- 4. (Original) A composition of claim 1 wherein (B) is a polybromostyrenic polymer containing at least 58% by weight of bromine.
- 5. (Original) A composition of claim 1 wherein (B) is a polybromostyrenic polymer containing at least 65% by weight of bromine.
- 6. (Original) A composition of claim 1 wherein (C) is a dodecaboron tetrazinc docosaoxide hydrate.
- 7. (Canceled)
- 8. (Original) A composition of claim 1 wherein the components used in forming said composition further include at least one polymeric anti-dripping agent.
- 9. (Original) A composition of claim 8 wherein the anti-dripping agent is a polyfluoroethylene polymer.
- 10. (Original) A composition of claim 8 wherein the anti-dripping agent is an ethylene/methacrylic acid copolymer.

- 11. (Original) A composition of claim 1 wherein the components used in forming said composition further comprise a CTI-increasing amount of an organic polymer of silicon absorbed on furned silica.
- 12. (Original) A composition of claim 1 wherein the components used in forming said composition further comprise a CTI-increasing amount of an organic polymer of silicon predispersed in a polyamide or polyester resin.
- 13. (Original) A composition of claim 11 wherein the organic polymer of silicon is a polysiloxane polymer.
- 14. (Original) A composition of claim 12 wherein the organic polymer of silicon is a polysiloxane polymer.
- 15. (Original) A composition of claim 13 wherein the polymer of silicon is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) polymer.
- 16. (Original) A composition of claim 14 wherein the polymer of silicon is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) polymer.
- 17. (Original) A composition of claim 2 wherein (B) is at least one polybromoaromatic compound containing at least 50% by weight of bromine.
- 18. (Original) A composition of claim 2 wherein (B) is a polybromostyrenic polymer containing at least 58% by weight of bromine.
- 19. (Original) A composition of claim 2 wherein (B) is a polybromostyrenic polymer containing at least 65% by weight of bromine.
- 20. (Original) A composition of claim 2 wherein (C) is a dodecaboron tetrazinc docosaoxide hydrate.
- 21. (Original) A composition of claim 17 wherein (C) is a dodecaboron tetrazinc docosaoxide hydrate.
- 22. (Original) A composition of claim 18 wherein (C) is a dodecaboron tetrazinc docosaoxide hydrate.

23. (Original) A composition of claim 19 wherein (C) is a dodecaboron tetrazinc docosaoxide hydrate.

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- 32. (Original) A composition of claim 2 wherein the components used in forming said composition further include at least one polymeric anti-dripping agent.
- 33. (Original) A composition of claim 17 wherein the components used in forming said composition further include at least one polymeric anti-dripping agent.
- 34. (Original) A composition of claim 18 wherein the components used in forming said composition further include at least one polymeric anti-dripping agent.
- 35. (Original) A composition of claim 19 wherein the components used in forming said composition further include at least one polymeric anti-dripping agent.

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- 40. (Original) A composition of claim 33 wherein the anti-dripping agent is a polyfluoroethylene polymer.
- 41. (Original) A composition of claim 35 wherein the anti-dripping agent is a polyfluoroethylene polymer.
- 42. (Original) A composition of claim 33 wherein the anti-dripping agent is an ethylene/methacrylic acid copolymer.
- 43. (Original) A composition of claim 35 wherein the anti-dripping agent is an ethylene/methacrylic acid copolymer.
- 44. (Original) A composition of claim 2 wherein the components used in forming said composition further comprise a CTI-increasing amount of an organic polymer of silicon absorbed on fumed silica.
- 45. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 17 wherein the components used in forming said composition further comprise a CTI-increasing amount of an

organic polymer of silicon absorbed on fumed silica.

- 46. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 19 wherein the components used in forming said composition further comprise a CTI-increasing amount of an organic polymer of silicon absorbed on furned silica.
- 47. (Original) A composition of claim 44 wherein the organic polymer of silicon is a polysiloxane polymer.
- 48. (Original) A composition of claim 45 wherein the organic polymer of silicon is a polysiloxane polymer.
- 49. (Original) A composition of claim 46 wherein the organic polymer of silicon is a polysiloxane polymer.
- 50. (Original) A composition of claim 47 wherein the polysiloxane polymer is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) polymer.
- 51. (Original) A composition of claim 48 wherein the polysiloxane polymer is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) polymer.
- 52. (Original) A composition of claim 49 wherein the polysiloxane polymer is a poly(dimethylsiloxane) polymer.
- 53. (Previously presented) An article molded from a composition of any of claims 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, or 19.
- 54. (Original) An article of claim 53 wherein the article contains glass fiber or a mineral filler, or both.
- 55. (Previously presented) A method of increasing the flame retardancy and comparative tracking index of a thermoplastic polyamide or a thermoplastic polyester, which method comprises blending with the polyamide or polyester at least the components of any of claims 4 or 35 to form a molding composition.
- 56. (Original) A method of claim 55 further comprising molding said molding composition while in molten condition.

- 57. (Original) A method of claim 56 further comprising performing said molding with glass fiber or mineral filler, or both, included in the molten composition.
- 58. (Previously presented) A method of producing a polyamide article or a polyester article having increased flame retardancy and comparative tracking index, which method comprises molding a melt blend of claim 4.
- 59. (Original) A method of claim 58 further comprising performing said molding with glass fiber or mineral filler, or both, included in the melt blend.
- 60. (Original) A flame retardant additive composition which comprises (i) at least one organic halogen-containing flame retardant, (ii) a zinc borate, a mixed oxide of zinc and boron, or zinc sulfide or any combination of any two or more of these, and (iii) an olefin-based polymer, in proportions of 0.5 to 40 parts by weight of (i) and 0.3 to 12 parts by weight of (ii) per part by weight of (iii).
- 61. (Original) An additive composition of claim 60 further comprising (iv) up to 2 parts by weight of polymeric anti-dripping agent, (v) up to 3 parts by weight of an organic silicon-containing polymer used as the polymer absorbed on fumed silica, (vi) up to 5 parts by weight of organic silicon-containing polymer dispersed in a polyamide or polyester resin, and/or (vii) up to 10 parts by weight of processing, stabilizing, impact strength, and/or compatibilizing additives per part by weight of the olefin-based polymer present therein, at least one of (iv)-(vii) being present in said additive composition.
- 62. (Original) An additive composition of claim 60 wherein (iii) is a polypropylene homopolymer having a melt flow index of not more than about 5 grams/10 minutes.
- 63. (Original) An additive composition of claim 61 wherein (iii) is a polypropylene homopolymer having a melt flow index of not more than about 5 grams/10 minutes.
- 64. (Original) An additive composition of claim 60 wherein (i) is at least one polybromoaromatic compound containing at least 50% by weight of bromine.
- 65. (Original) An additive composition of claim 61 wherein (i) is at least one polybromoaromatic compound containing at least 50% by weight of bromine.

- 66. (Original) An additive composition of claim 62 wherein (i) is at least one polybromoaromatic compound containing at least 50% by weight of bromine.
- 67. (Original) An additive composition of claim 63 wherein (i) is at least one polybromoaromatic compound containing at least 50% by weight of bromine.
- 68. (Original) An additive composition of any of claims 64 or 66 wherein said polybromoaromatic compound is a polybromostyrenic polymer containing at least 58% by weight of bromine.
- 69. (Original) An additive composition of claim 68 wherein said polybromostyrenic polymer contains at least 65% by weight of bromine, and wherein (ii) is a dodecaboron tetrazine docosaoxide hydrate.
- 70. (Previously presented) A composition of any of claims 1 or 4 wherein (C) is zinc borate or a mixed oxide of boron and zinc.
- 71. (Previously presented) A composition of any of claims 1 or 4 wherein (C) is zinc borate monohydrate.
- 72. (Previously presented) A composition of any of claims 1 or 4 wherein (C) is anhydrous zinc borate.
- 73. (Previously presented) A composition of any of claims 1, 3, or 4 wherein (A) is a thermoplastic polyamide.
- 74. (Previously presented) A composition of any of claims 1, 3 or 4 wherein (A) is a thermoplastic polyester.
- 75. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 1 wherein (A) is a thermoplastic polyester which contains at least 80% by weight, based on the dicarboxylic acid component, of terephthalic acid and at least 80% by weight, based on the diol component, of ethylene glycol and/or 1,4-butanediol units.

- 76. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 1 wherein (A) is a thermoplastic polyester is a polyalkylene terephthalate mixture containing 1 to 50% by weight of polyethylene terephthalate and 99 to 50 wt% of polybutylene terephthalate.
- 77. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 76 wherein (C) is a dodecaboron tetrazine docosaoxide hydrate.
- 78. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 76 wherein the components used in forming said composition further comprise an organic polymer of silicon absorbed onto furned silica.
- 79. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 76 wherein the components used in forming said composition include at least one polymeric anti-dripping agent,
- 80. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 76 wherein (C) is a dodecaboron tetrazinc docosaoxide hydrate, and wherein the components used in forming said composition further comprise an organic polymer of silicon absorbed onto furned silica and at least one polymeric anti-dripping agent.
- 81. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 76 or 80 wherein said polyester has an intrinsic viscosity of 0.4 to 1.5 dl/g.
- 82. (Previously presented) A composition of claim 78 wherein said organic polymer of silicon is a polysiloxane polymer.
- 83. (Currently amended) An additive composition of any of claims 64-67 [(as set forth in this application as filed)] wherein said polybromoaromatic compound is a polybromostyrenic polymer containing at least 58% by weight of bromine.
- 84. (Previously presented) An additive composition of Claim 83 wherein said polybromostyrenic polymer contains at least 65% by weight of bromine, and wherein (ii) is a dodecaboron tetrazine docosaoxide hydrate,